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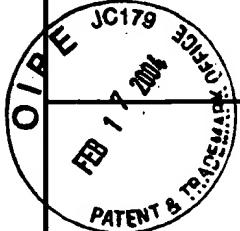
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Invention: Longitudinally Adjustable Mount for a Snowboard Binding



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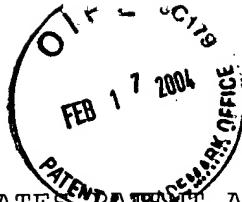
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In re the application of :
STEPHEN R. CARLSON : Examiner Gerald B. Klebe
For: LONGITUDINALLY :
ADJUSTABLE MOUNT FOR : Group Art Unit 3618
A SNOWBOARD BINDING :
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AMENDMENT

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

In response to an office action mailed November 10, 2003 the applicant hereby amends his application as follow:

Listing of the claims:

Claim 1 is cancelled.

2. (new) A locking mechanism for use with in a combination snowboard, binding and mount including:

a. a snowboard having a center-line wherein the snowboard has a channel longitudinally extending along the center-line;

b. a rail disposed in said channel and fixedly coupled thereto wherein the rail is a flexible member and has a key-slot and two series of parallel teeth; and

c. a binding base plate disposed on the snowboard, said locking mechanism comprising:

a. a lock plate;

b. a disc being rotatably coupled to the binding base plate

c. a pair of slider-bolts each of which has a threaded

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protrusions and a raised central bar whereby each slider-bolt is inserted into the key-slot and engages the teeth of the rail and whereby said raised central bar of each of said slider-bolts allows enough space between the binding base plate and the rail so that the binding base plate can freely move the length of the rail;

d. a pair of gear-nut each of which is threadedly coupled to one of said slider-bolts at their threaded protrusions;

e. a main gear having a slot whereby said main gear engages both of said gear-nuts; and

f. a pair of handles whereby each of said handles is coupled to said slot in said main gear so that when said locking mechanism is locked a snowboarder may use said handles to rotate said lock plate in order to unlock said locking mechanism and release said disc from the binding base plate and the rail.